

of that remains untouched but I think you at least ought to strike this language that I am trying to get out in the amendment that I have offered.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Higgins, then Senator Smith.

SENATOR WESELY: All right, Well, Mr. Speaker, members, despite the verbal abuse the bill has received from my good friend Senator Chambers, and which it will be about to receive from Senator Higgins, I know their concerns are sincere. The language that Senator Chambers would strike is intent language. It is not particularly important, and as a result, if it would make Senator Chambers feel better, we are willing to adopt his amendment. I should point out something though, the intent of this language and the intent of the bill isn't to stop people from competition against those now entrenched as much as it is an attempt to recognize that people that want new licensure, in fact, sometimes the reason they want the new licensure is to stop others from competing with them. So Senator Chambers looks at this and he sees one thing. I look at it and I see the complete opposite. One of the concerns we have is the new licensure requests. I have said time and again there are about twenty professionals now licensed by the State of Nebraska but there are 145 clearly identified health professionals that might some time want to be licensed or certified. It is when those people come in and want to be licensed that they can stop others from competing and doing the things that they now do. That is the thing we are trying to stop. We want to deregulate health care in a sense. We don't want any more regulation than we now have. We don't want to have a situation where we stop people from doing what they want to do unless there is a public interest involved. So I see it completely opposite of Senator Chambers, but if it would make him feel better, we will support his amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I think Senator Wesely has made a wise decision there. At least he has made a bad bill a little bit better. If we don't adopt Senator Chambers' amendment, I can foresee every conceivable industry in the State of Nebraska taking this bill, if we adopt this bill, and bring it to the Legislature and say,